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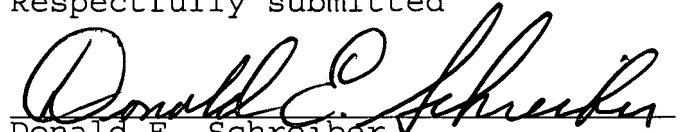
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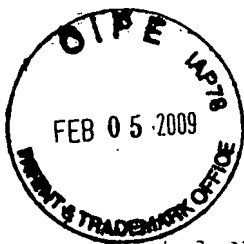

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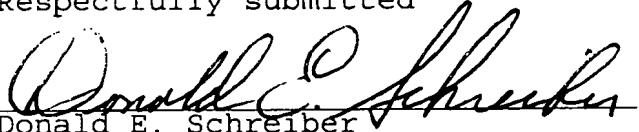
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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 312

This communication:

1. amends the text of claim 19 from that appearing in an Examiner's Amendment dated 13 January 2009, to eliminate from line 7 following the word "CODEC" a comma, ",", that should not appear there; and

2. cancels claims 5 and 14 because the "framer" encompassed by those claims is incompatible with the terminology of independent claims 1 and 10 from which claims 5 and 14 respectively depend.

Specifically with respect to the cancellation of claims 5 and 14, independent "digital logger system" claim 1 and "signal processor" claim 10 as amended in the January 13th Examiner's Amendment include:

- [a] multichannel interface circuit including:
- a. line interfaces, equal in number to the number of telephone lines from which the multichannel interface circuit receives audio telecommunication signals, for electronically conditioning the received audio telecommunication signals; and
 - b. at least one Coder and DECoder ("CODEC") which receives conditioned audio telecommunication signals from the line interfaces for converting the received audio telecommunication signals into digital audio data, and for transmitting the digital audio data.

As those skilled in the relevant telecommunication arts know a "framer" is used with a T1 or equivalent telephone line which carries, for example, twenty-four (24) digitized audio DS0 channels that are multiplexed together into a DS1 signaling scheme. Each of the several DS0 channels independently carries a unique audio telecommunication signal, i.e. a single telephone call. Thus, while a T1 telephone line may carry twenty-four (24) distinct audio

telecommunication signals, a "digital logger system" or a "signal processor" equipped with a "framer" will have only a single "line interface" for "electronically conditioning the received audio telecommunication signals." Furthermore, because a T1 line carries digital audio telecommunication signals, a "framer" does not need, and in fact lacks, a CODEC.

For the preceding reasons, dependent claim 5's addition of a "framer" to the "digital logger system" encompassed by independent claim 1 as amended in the January 13th Examiner's Amendment produces an inoperable combination. Similarly, dependent claim 14's addition of a "framer" to the "signal processor" encompassed by independent claim 10 as amended in the January 13th Examiner's Amendment also produces an inoperable combination.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

The following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. cancels claims 5 and 14 from the claims as they existed following entry of the January 13th Examiner's Amendment;
and